

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000663**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 70

***Impact of indexation changes to the Sustainable Research Excellence Program support***

**Question**

Mr Bowditch: For 2018—and these are estimates, because the factors can change, particularly in relation to the Australian Competitive Grants, which can change independently of SRE and the other program—it is 22c in the dollar; for 2019 it is 22c and for 2020 it is 24c.

Senator KIM CARR: That is based on an indexation rate of what?

Mr Bowditch: It would be on the Higher Education—

Senator KIM CARR: HEPI.

Mr Bowditch: Yes, essentially.

Senator KIM CARR: If that changes to CPI, what is the impact?

Mr Bowditch: We would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

The figures quoted at the Hearing were indexed according to CPI not the Higher Education Grants Index (HEGI).

The Government's policy is that research block grants will be indexed by HEGI until 2016 after which they will be indexed by CPI.